GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
LOK SABHA

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Pollution due to Dumping Grounds
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of dumping grounds in Maharashtra particularly in Mumbai;
(b) whether poisonous gases are emanating from incineration of waste in these dumping grounds;
(c) if so, the measures taken by the Government to save the families residing in and around this area from the poisonous emission;
(d) whether the Government proposes to shift these dumping grounds; and
(e) if so, the time by which the said dumping grounds are likely to be shifted?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

(a): As per available information, there are six landfill sites in Maharashtra namely at Nashik; Sonpeth; Ambad;Pune; Navapur; and Navi −Mumbai. The Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai (MCGM) has been authorized to set up and operate waste processing/waste disposal facility at Mulund (EAST) for 500 MT/day quantity of municipal solid waste by Bio-methanisation processing technology, Deonarfor 2000 MT/day quantity of municipal solid waste by composting and Kanjur for 7000 MT/day (1000 MT/day for composting and 6000 MT/day bioreactor of the Municipal Solid Waste).

(b)&(c): Fire incidences were reported to have occurred on 28.01.2016 and, thereafter on 19.03.2016 at three places Near Band area, Baba Nagar and BEST Nagar of Deonar Dumping site. The local authorities brought the fire under control by 02:00 p m on 20th March, 2016. However, due to smoke emissions, the ambient air quality of the City was reported to be temporarily affected. The receipt of municipal waste was stopped immediately after fire incidence and only construction debris/inert was brought to the site to cover the municipal waste dump as a measure for suppression of fire. The Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB)is constantly engaged in monitoring of ambient air quality after the of fire incidence.

(d) & (e): The MPCB has issued directions to MCGM to submit action plan for incoming solid waste and also for preparation of a scientific closure plan for existing dumping site.
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